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EFFECT DEVICE HAVING HARD
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated February 3, 2004, the period for response which extends through May 3, 2004, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.